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Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2013

Attendance: Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Dick Snow, Selectman Amanda Soares, Selectman David DePuy, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen. **Absent:** Selectman Amanda Soares.

The Board to award contract for the reval. Selectman Robie noted last meeting they discussed the reval process and they were going to award a contract this meeting. He said that Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen called the towns that CNP has work with and our Assessor Tammy Jamison highly recommend this copy. Three towns were called and they gave great feedback and were happy with the work CNP did. *Selectman Robie motioned to approve the contract for Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, LLC for the reval work in 2104.* Selectman Snow said we decided we should go with a full reval and he is still not convinced this is the best way of doing things. There is a \$35,000 difference between a full reval and an update. They would have to come up with \$1.6 million of new money to justify the \$35,000. He can't image they are going to get \$1.6 million of new money. If he understood the conversation with the Assessor they were going to go out and look for someone who didn't get a building permit or didn't get correctly assessed. He can't believe that the Assessor has done a bad job and there are a lot of people out there that have gotten by the Building Inspector and did building without getting a building permit. If the process is correct and he is convinced that it is, he didn't think they are going to get \$1.6 million. This means they are going to spend \$35,000 and wasting it. Our assessed valuation is right around 100% and that says you shouldn't change that much. Whatever they change would be the difference between what the market value is on everyone's house and what the assessed valuation is on everyone's house. He can't see it being that much. The other thing is if they do the full reval they are going to start this year and they are going see money expended this year. If they did the update they wouldn't start until 2014, so the money wouldn't be spent until then. He is not convinced that doing a full reval is the way to go. Selectman DePuy said they already voted to do this and for the reasons expressed at the last meeting he is in favor of the full reval. Selectman Robie noted that Assessor Jamison said they were at 107%. The reval would bring everything back to 100% valuation. They have appropriated the funds in the last year at the town meeting to do a reval. They asked the town for \$20,000 per year for the last four years to have the funds to do a reval in 2014. They probably won't have to ask the residents for money next year because it came in under. They asked us to do this every five years. Selectman Snow said they asked us to do a full reval or a statistical update. He's in favor of doing a statistical update and not in favor of a full reval. Selectman Robie said they voted on a full reval last meeting. Chairman Kelley noted they were just awarding the contract this meeting. *Chairman Kelley called for a second on Selectman Robie's motion. Seconded by Selectman DePuy.* Former Selectman Rick Lazott noted they have always done a full reval every ten years and on the fifth year they would do the update. This is the standard procedure and in 2014 they are due for a full reval. Chairman Kelley called for a vote. Selectmen DePuy, Selectman Robie, Chairman Kelley were in favor and Selectman Snow was opposed. Motioned carried on a vote of 3 to 1.

Selectman DePuy to go over the Recycling Center's 2012 Facility Report. Selectman DePuy read from the attached report. He noted there are two sides to the coin at the Recycling Center. One is the costs incurred on running the center and they were a little under budget for last year and he anticipates

the budget has stayed the same and they will be on budget this year as well. There is also an income side to the Recycling Center. It's not insubstantial. They get revenue from the cans, iron, and paper that is recycled. They also collect fees so this year the revenue was \$53,629.58 part of this was fees of \$6,939 which is money we pay when we haul stuff and there is a fee attached. This is actually down from last year which was \$70,000. The reason for much of this is the decline in prices being paid for the things we recycle. The metal and the steel prices have gone down. There is limited space to store stuff, so Chuck does his best to sell the stuff when the prices are high. This is one thing if they have another trailer or two they could store materials for a longer period of time and they might be able to get a better price. He noted right now they are a slave to the market and it's something they can't change. The income side of it is dictated by the market prices. Citizen Judy Szot noted she was reading the section regarding C & D. The report said it was hauled 111 times. She asked if they have anyway of verifying if the demolition and debris comes from Candia or is there a way to match it to a building permit. If we don't have that many building permits this seems like an awful lot of stuff that the citizens are paying to get rid of if it is coming from another site. If someone is bringing in C & D they should state where it is coming from and then we need to check if there is a building permit. There must be a way to check if it is coming from a site in Candia, not that she wants to go after people but she didn't think the citizens of Candia should pay to get debris from a construction site coming from another town. This is stuff that should be recycled in the town its coming from. If it's not from Candia they should charge a fee. Selectman DePuy agreed we shouldn't be taking construction debris from another town. They have stickers and have Household Hazardous Waste Days. The other days the employees at the Recycling Center try to identify the people who don't have a sticker and make sure they get one. Citizen Judy Szot said she can have a sticker on her truck, but if she is working on a job in Raymond and she is taking the stuff from Raymond and bringing it here it's not stuff that was generated in Candia. If debris is coming from another town she felt they should charge them. If they can't prove they are working in Candia we should charge them to dump it. Selectman DePuy noted the C & D dumpster isn't just for contractors; it's for the citizen's in town. He's been at that location on several occasions to throw away things that fall under that category. It's not just contractors that throw stuff in that dumpster, you're talking about everyone who lives in Candia. Probably everyone in this room has thrown stuff in that dumpster. He didn't know how they could police this. He felt the crew really does know who's using the dumpster and who might be coming from out of town. He has talked to Chuck about this issue and he felt they have a pretty good take on who is there legitimately. If they are suspicious about someone they will raise it with them. Selectman Snow thought they could increase the staff there to police it more effectively. Citizen Judy Szot replied or have the staff they have do their job. Citizen Rick Lazott felt the Recycling Center employees do a pretty good job policing the situation. They have found some people bring stuff in from Raymond and they were slapped on the hand for it. It has been done in the past. The guys have a pretty good handle on who is bringing in stuff from other towns. He felt they were doing a decent job of that. Selectman DePuy felt they know most of the people who come through the dump by name. Selectman Snow thought this was great information and it should go on the website in some effective manner. Selectman DePuy noted the more we recycle the more money the town gets and the less we pay that goes to the landfill.

Chief McGillen to discuss possible Route 101 crossover recommended by the Fire Department and Police Department. Fire Chief Young explained that Lt. Matt Dube has done most of the leg work on this. This started last year when they had all of the lane switch overs and it was a nightmare on Route 101. He felt it would be this summer as well, because they are going to do a lot more work out there. He noted that Matt came up with a plan and he gave him the go ahead to work on it. Lt.

Matt Dube explained last year with the construction project they had a lot of lane closures and they lost one of the turnarounds for about 3 months. They had an increase of call volume on 101 and more so east of exit 3. The problem they've run into is right now they only have two turnarounds and one is about 200 yards east of exit 3 and the other is at the Raymond town line. He noted within the last 3 years they've had 58 emergency calls in the west bound lanes east of exit 3. They could be motor vehicle accidents, medical, or brush fires. The problem they run into is they have to drive with the apparatus all the way to the Raymond town line, take the turnaround, and travel 3 miles back towards exit 3 to get to that scene. They have response times from 14 to 16 minutes. He has talked with the DOT and Pike Industries. The contract with Pike Industries is through October of this year. If they get something from the DOT they can add it to the contract. They are proposing with the DOT that they install another crossover. Their recommendation is somewhere in the area of the Patten Hill Road bridge. The DOT said they have to compose a letter stating why we would like an additional turnaround. He has drafted the letter and ran it by Fire Chief Young and Chief McGillen. The DOT is aware the letter is coming and once they get the letter they send it to their safety division. They will come out to Route 101 with surveyors to make sure the area is safe to put a turnaround and make sure it's visible from both directions. Also that it can be easily maintained during the winter months. If it is approved before October of this year, Pike should have enough material left over to add it to their contract and it should be done before winter. It was the consensus of the Board to have Lt. Matt Dube move forward with this project.

The Board to reappoint Judy Szot as a full member of the ZBA. Selectman Robie motioned to reappoint Judy Szot as a full member of the ZBA. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to authorize payment to the Boy Scouts for Town Report distribution. Chairman Kelley motioned to donate \$300 to the Boy Scouts for the distribution of the Town Reports. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman DePuy were in favor and Selectman Snow recused himself from the discussion. Motion carried. Chairman Kelley thanked the Boy Scouts and said they do a great job. It was noted the funds would come from the town office budget.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. Chairman Kelley announced the grand total of payroll and accounts payable checks for April 18th and April 25th is \$68,909.22. Selectman Snow motioned to accept the total payroll and accounts payable checks in the amount of \$68,909.22 for April 18th and April 25th. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 4/8/13: Chairman Kelley motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of April 8th, 2013 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Old Recycling Center Buildings. Chairman Kelley mentioned the buildings at the old recycling center were taken down and it looks really nice. Fire Chief Young said he and his wife went for a walk

yesterday and it was nice to see those buildings gone. We needed to do this a long time ago and he wanted to commend the Board for doing this. They did a great job and he appreciated it.

Letter to the Selectmen. Selectman Robie noted they got letter from a citizen who reminded the Board that they voted on the Smyth Memorial Building and to not spend \$160,000 on it (see attached). The letter goes on to say two weeks ago the Board talked about the entry to the building and how it needed repair. He felt it was the Selectmen's duty to maintain our property and he proposed that they spend less than \$1,000 to seal the door and get it painted. This person didn't seem to think that was such a good idea. It also says Chairman Kelley thought the building was valuable, which he thought they all do. She didn't think the property was large enough to support another well or septic system. Selectman Robie noted they have a septic design approved by DES. The Board worked on this a couple of years ago and there is a spot for a well. He didn't think it would contaminate any of the other wells up there. The letter also says they could give the building to the church, because they have supplied water over the years. He is going to stick by what he said last week and he thought it was a good investment. The Heritage Committee and this Board will work towards making some decisions up there and keeping it a keepsake for our town. He reiterated that people should stop by and take a look at the Fitts Museum. Citizen Judy Szot asked haven't we been doing this for years if something needed repair we've repaired it. There has been a line in the budget for the museum. We are going against the no means no rule; we have been maintaining it because we have a line for it. Selectman Robie note the line barely covers the heat and the electric. It's usually a little over spent and it's something we need to look at. Citizen Judy Szot noted it would be foolish not to make these small repairs. You'll end up with serious damage, we have to maintain the structural integrity of this building, Chairman Kelley said the building is registered with the state and they can't let it fall apart. He mentioned the statement about the town and school having many needs and we should not be spending money on a want. He said this statement really upset him and he was sorry she felt this way. It's a historical and beautiful building. He encouraged people to go and check it out. Fire Chief Young asked if there was a name with this letter. Selectman Robie said the person doesn't like to come to the meetings, because they can't hear very well. Citizen Ingrid Byrd said if you write a letter and its read in a public meeting the signature is part of the letter. If you are outspoken on a subject you ought to be willing to put your name to it. She has written a lot of letters to the newspaper and taken a lot of abuse for it. Selectman Robie said the letter was written by Citizen Judy Seward. Citizen Judy Szot said that was her opinion. Citizen Rick Lazott felt the Board would be shirking their duties if they didn't maintain the buildings they have. Citizen Ingrid Byrd thought the vote against spending the \$160,000 was not a vote against maintaining the building; it was a vote against doing the proposed work. It is a historical building and historical buildings don't need elevators. There are things there being done that were not in keeping with the fact it is a historical building. This is what the people voted against. Selectman DePuy concurred that it is town property and we have a duty to maintain it. It doesn't go against the vote on the warrant, it goes back to the way we have been maintaining it in the past. Citizen Judy Szot said we have to respect her rights to inform the Board of her opinion on how her taxes should be spent and the majority rules. She respects she sent a letter, because a lot of people gripe and don't do anything about it. We may agree or disagree but we have to respect her right to express her opinion.

Stantec proposal. Citizen Becky Sarra asked where the Stantec proposal stood. Chairman Kelley noted that Stantec will be doing some testing out there because they authorized them to do so. He thought that Selectman Soares signed the agreement. Citizen Becky Sarra questioned the date of the

proposal. It was dated November 2012 which is before the old recycling center went back to her responsibility. She asked about a copy of a letter from Doug Kemp. Chairman Kelley said he would get her a copy of that. Citizen Becky Sarra mentioned that in the email from Doug Kemp there was a concern about the digging and the ash dust that could be raised. She noted that it doesn't fall under Doug Kemp's prevue. They recommended that we ask someone else. It's not their department and they have no authority over health and safety issues. Chairman Kelley asked who she was referring to. Citizen Beck Sarra replied this is an email response that Selectman Soares had forwarded to her. Chairman Kelley said the Doug Kemp did not want to do any sifting down there. Selectman Robie clarified that is why we voted two weeks ago to do the testing through Stantec, They are going to dig and test. He thought they could go in and screen the material out and that may be okay, but we decided not to do that. So they are going to dig and test and the results will show what's there and then they can determine whether then it can be screened and hauled away. He asked if that was clearer. Citizen Beck Sarra said it was clearer, but she'll wait and see. She asked the Board when they thought the results would be in. Chairman Kelley said he wasn't sure, but he thought it would be the end of the month or the beginning of May. He won't know until Selectman Soares gets back.

Soldiers Monument: Selectman Snow said about a month ago they spent \$100 to fix the electrical box. He said this used to get it done under the Fitts Museum at no cost. He was wondering who was responsible for this. He asked who is responsible for the Soldiers Monument. Chairman Kelley asked if he was talking about the light. Selectman Snow replied the lights and the power. He felt they should be going to a single source/feed from the Fitts Museum. They could run it across the front lawn and put it into the box. It would eliminate the cost of having a meter up there and they would save \$14.00 per month. If this isn't under the Fitts Museum then who because he didn't know who authorized the expenditure of \$100 to fix whatever was wrong with the electric. This used to get done for free. Chairman Kelley replied that he had some veterans come to him and wanted to know why the light didn't work at the monument. He asked the Building Inspector to have someone look at it. They had an electrician go up there and fix the problem and he authorized that. This flag should have a light on it no matter what. It needed to get done. Selectman Snow asked who was responsible for monument. Selectman Robie asked who was paying the light bill at the museum. He thought it came to the town. Road Agent Lewis said it's been paid by the town for years. Selectman Snow asked if they know who owns the monument. Selectman Robie said that he would take claim to that and felt the town owns it. Selectman Snow asked if the monument was under the Fitts Museum. Chairman Kelley didn't think so. It was noted that the monument was under the town. Selectman Robie said when the monument was fixed the town paid for it and the musket is on its way back. It was repaired in Boston and they've had a bad week, so it's on its way. The town is going to pay for this also and the cost is \$300. Road Agent Lewis explained that the monument and the flag pole was always lit and the museum didn't have electricity until a couple of years ago. Their power comes from the house behind the museum. They brought the feed in that way. In years past for the museum to have an outlet there was a buried line that ran over to the corner of the museum. This come over from the meter at the flag pole and they no longer use that since they put power in. The monument power came first and has been there forever. When the museum decided to electrify they came in a whole different way. It wasn't feasible to come in from the monument. This is why they ended up with two meters. Selectman Robie said if they came in from the museum could they do away with the pole. Selectman Snow said they still need the box there but the box would be a feed from the museum. Selectman Robie thought he was looking to get away from one service. Citizen Judy Szot asked if you're looking to save \$14.00 per month how much is it going to cost to put that line underground. Selectman Robie said its \$170 per year, so let's say 4 years after it comes back. It's investing in our infrastructure and Selectman Snow has a point.

Fire Chief Young asked if there was a pole next to the monument. Road Agent Lewis said it was in the front and it's not a separate pole. Chairman Kelley said his opinion is that he would leave it alone, but if Selectman Snow would like to get a price together that would be fine.

Candia Day: Selectman Snow noted that the Semi Q Committee is doing Candia Day in September and he asked if this was Old Home Day. Chairman Kelley said it had nothing to do with Old Home Day and there wasn't going to be an Old Home Day this year. Selectman Snow asked he was going to give him a complete list of expenses for Old Home Day last year. Chairman Kelley said could get him a report if he would like.

Liquid Planet easement: Selectman Snow noted that Kevin Dumont is making progress with the Rockingham County Conservation District and they should be getting the conservation easement done and be back in the good graces of DES.

Southern New Hampshire Preparedness Committee: They will have the three signs available to Candia. They would be used to put emergency messages out. Selectman Snow said he talked to EM Director Panit. He emailed him and Chairman Kelley. He thought they could put it out near the street. There is supposed to be some kind of training for our IT department. He asked the Board what they want to do about this. It's a grant that gets us the equipment. They would need to run power out to the sign. This would give us the opportunity to show emergency messages whenever an emergency comes up. Selectman Robie asked how big were the signs. Selectman Snow said they could go in a window, but he hasn't seen them so he couldn't say. Selectman Robie said you just said we need to run electric. Selectman Snow said he would go to the training if it hasn't already been held this month. Citizen Becky Sarra noted Selectman Snow said it was a grant. Selectman Robie questioned if they thought it was free money. Citizen Judy Szot said it's not free money it comes from another pocket. Selectman Snow said he would come back to the Board with this. Chairman Kelley asked if EM Director Panit already applied for the grant. Selectman Snow said this is being run by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. He was told at the last meeting they allocated three for each town. Chairman Kelley said so they are free. Citizen Ingrid Byrd asked why things like this weren't on the agenda, so if people have an interest they can come to the meeting. This is totally inappropriate to bring up something that isn't on the agenda. She questioned why EM Director Panit wasn't dealing with this issue. She didn't see him at this meeting. If this was on the agenda he would have known to be here.

Selectman Snow mentioned the Granite State Future is coming up on May 18th at the Moore School.

The Lamprey River Advisory Committee is in the process of developing a management plan. He will be taking this to the Conservation Commission next month and after that he will bring it to the Board of Selectmen. This will be on the agenda for the second meeting in May.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman DePuy moved to adjourn at 7:53. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen
Recording Secretary